

After OAS Action

The quarantine imposed on the shipment of offensive  
Cuba  
weapons to ~~2002~~ has been authorized by a vote of the Organ  
of Consultation under the Rio Treaty. This measure has  
been taken by a regional organization consistently with  
Article 52 of the United Nations Charter, which recognizes  
the functioning of regional arrangements and agencies in  
matters which are appropriate for regional action. The  
measure of quarantine voted by the Organ of Consultation  
does not constitute "enforcement action" within the meaning  
of Article 53. As the language and structure of the Charter  
show, and the International Court of Justice has indicated,  
"enforcement action" is obligatory and binding action. The  
OAS resolution is clearly recommendatory in character.  
No authorization from the Security Council is required.